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BNA: McCarthy Makes Personnel Changes

At EPA to Boost Cooperation, Track Programs

The newly confirmed Environmental Protection Agency administrator has shuffled senior management to new roles to highlight the agency's accomplishments and to promote President Obama's climate change plan, according to a July 25 internal EPA email provided to BNA.

In that email, Administrator Gina McCarthy announced that she was appointing Arvin Ganesan, who until now served as associate administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, to be her deputy chief of staff for policy. Prior to joining EPA under the Obama administration, Ganesan served

as senior policy adviser to the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) on global warming and water issues.

McCarthy also has tapped Lisa Feldt, who has been the deputy assistant administrator for solid waste and emergency response, to be the associate deputy administrator.

Ganesan's place as OCIR associate administrator will be filled by Laura Vaught, who has been deputy associate administrator for congressional affairs since mid 2011. Nichole Stefano, a senior adviser in OCIR, will take Vaught's place.

Leadership Team Recommendations. McCarthy said the new roles reflect the recommendations a leadership team made after evaluating how the administrator's office is set up to function and coordinate with other agency offices. She said the leadership team review was "an effort to streamline our processes, maximize efficiency and identify opportunities to highlight activities that provide the greatest on the ground environmental benefit."

Going forward, McCarthy said the administrator's office, as a result of this review, would track and monitor

program efforts, facilitate cross-program/regional coordination, and "emphasize working with the White

House and key stakeholders to create opportunities to highlight the benefits of our work, and working internally and externally to find creative ways to achieve environmental results of which we can be proud.”

Washington advocates who follow changes at EPA were not surprised by the changes at the agency.

Marty Hayden, vice president of policy and legislation at environmental nonprofit Earthjustice, told BNA

“I don’t read anything into this other than the administrator wanting to have people in her inner circle who have knowledge of EPA.”

Speaking of Ganesan, Hayden said, “All the various challenges and assaults that EPA has faced from the House majority and Senate minority over the past few years, Arwin in legislative affairs probably got involved in everything that the Hill was going after. He was in the crucible of fire. He probably has a good working knowledge of everything at EPA does. She probably sees him as an asset.”

Don Parrish, senior regulatory affairs director at the American Farm Bureau Federation, told BNA July 26 that he sees the changes as McCarthy “moving quickly to put her stamp on the agency’s leadership team.”

“As administrator,” Parrish said, “she has an opportunity to build a team that she believes will help her support the administration’s priorities. Hopefully she will forge a better relationship with agriculture specifically and industry.”

On Feldt, John Ward, chairman of the nonprofit Citizens for Recycling First, told BNA July 26 that she is “a capable and experienced regulator who will certainly be an asset to the new Administrator.”

On whether Feldt’s appointment would translate into EPA’s rulemaking on coal ash, Ward said, “I doubt that her new position will alter the course of EPA’s rulemaking in that regard.”

He added that EPA has already indicated it is considering whether to align its 2010 Resource Conservation Recovery Act rulemaking on coal ash with the Clean Water Act effluent limits proposed for power plants.

“That will require a lot of work and, unfortunately for recycling markets that need regulatory certainty, a lot more time,” he said (78 DEN A-8, 4/23/13).

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